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SUBJECT: LABOR PRODUCTIVITY PROGRAM: NATWAR LAL SHAH

REFS: A. STATE 054571. B. DELHI 4429. C. STATE 68901

1. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, NATWAR LAL SHAH INFORMED US THAT HE WOULD LIKE HIS STAY EXTENDED TO COVER FULL THIRTY-DAY PERIOD (REFTEL A) AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN THE US APRIL 7 TO ENABLE HIM TO HAVE CONSULTATIONS WITH TOP LEVEL POLICY MAKING OFFICIALS OF AFL-CIO, INCLUDING A COURTESY CALL ON PRESIDENT MEANY. MOST DESIRABLE SHAH HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET SOME EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNED WITH INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, AND AAFLI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PALADINO.

2. SHAH IS THE HIGHEST RANKING HMS NATIONAL OFFICER TO VISIT THE US IN RECENT YEARS, AND IS VERY HIGHLY REGARDED BY HMS COLLEAGUES. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE HMS WORKING (EXECUTIVE) COMMITTEE SINCE 1954 AND A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION SINCE 1971. SHAH'S SPECIAL STRENGTH IS IN THE STATE OF GUJARAT WHERE HE IS GENERAL SECRETARY

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OF THE GUJARAT (STATE) CONGRESS PARTY, IS STATE PRESIDENT

OF THE HMS, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE GUJARAT STATE TRANSPORT CORPORATION, THE OPERATING AUTHORITY FOR THE STATE'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ALL-INDIA COMMITTEE OF INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS FEDERATION (IMF) AFFILIATES.

3. WHILE HE IS NOT IN A POSITION ON THIS TRIP TO MAKE SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS ON BEHALF OF HMS, SHAH DOES HAVE A GENERAL MANDATE TO CONSULT ON WAYS AND MEANS TO DEVELOP CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN HMS AND THE AFL-CIO. SHAH HAS PREVIOUSLY VISITED JAPAN, GREAT BRITAIN, WEST GERMANY, THE USSR, HUNGARY, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS AN HMS REPRESENTATIVE, BUT HAS NEVER BEFORE BEEN TO THE UNITED STATES.

4. FOR INFORMATION OF POSSIBLE USE TO HOSTS, SHAH IS A VEGETARIAN. SUGGEST THIS MESSAGE BE SHOWN TO GOLDBERG AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

5. INTUC NOMINEE DR. A. K. CHATURVEDI ARRIVING WASHINGTON APRIL 10 PAA FLIGHT 107.
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